Amendments to the Claims

1.   (currently amended) A method for configuring an appliance across a network, comprising:

receiving configuration instructions via an e-mail message including the instructions in command format received at the appliance; and

extracting and parsing the configuration instructions from the e-mail message.

2.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the e-mail message is received at a mail server on the appliance.

3.   (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the mail server on the appliance communicates is one of the group comprised of: an IMAP server, and a SMTP server.

4.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the method further comprises running a mail daemon from the appliance, wherein the appliance is always connected to the network and the daemon monitors electronic mail for the device.

5.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the method further comprises connecting the appliance to the network to receive the electronic mail message.

6.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the e-mail message is received at a mail client on the appliance.

7.   (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the mail client on the appliance communicates with a mail server on the network.

8.-13. (withdrawn)

14.   (currently amended) An article comprising a storage medium, the storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that, when executed by a computing device, result in:

reception of an electronic mail message by a network appliance;

extraction of instructions from the electronic mail message; and

configuration of the appliance in accordance with instructions contained in command format in the electronic mail.

15.   (original) The article of claim 14, wherein the computing device is the network appliance.

16.   (original) The article of claim 15, wherein the network appliance is a remote camera.

17.   (original) The article of claim 15, wherein the network appliance is an Internet radio player.

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